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TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)		Docket Number: 11443/155	Confirmation No. 5470
Application Number: 10/632,271	Filing Date: July 31, 2003	Examiner: Elizabeth Houston	Art Unit: 3731
Invention Title: ORIFICE INTRODUCER DEVICE		Inventor(s): Michael P. Whitman et al.	

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is a response to the Final Office Action mailed July 8, 2008 along with a Request for Continued Examination for filing in the above-identified application.
2. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action of July 8, 2008 which set a three-month period for response. The extended period for response expires on January 8, 2009.
3. The three month (small entity) extension fee of **\$555.00**, and the RCE fee of **\$405.00** are being paid by credit card.
4. No additional fees are believed due. However, if any additional fees are due, the Director is authorized to charge and/or credit any overpayment of fees to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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